THE
Fall of Man
DECLARED.

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The way declared in plainneſſe and according unto Truth, how faln Man and Woman may be reſtored into that pure innocent ſtate and being that *Adam* was in before the fall.

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A VVarning from the Lord God of life and power in bowels of dear and tender love unto all, the Rulers, Prieſts and People, that they haſten to Repentance, who are ſpending their time without the fear of the Lord, and nouriſhing their hearts as in a day of ſlaughter.

Thomas Kent

For the triumphing of the wicked is but ſhort, and the hope of the hypocrite but for a moment, and though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach the clouds, yet ſhall he periſh like his own dung, and he ſhall vaniſh away like a night viſion, and they which ſaw him ſhall ſee him no more.

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The Fall of Man Declared.

GOD who made the World and all things therein, who formed the mountains, and created the Winds, who is a God at hand, and not a God afar off, who is near unto all that call upon him in Truth and Righteousneſſe.

Oh all people, *Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near*, you *he created Male and Female after his own Image*, and to do his will, and to delight alone in him, and to worſhip, ſerve and obey him, who gave man whom he created after his own image, power and authority, and ſet him over and above all the creatures, which he by the word of his power created for the uſe and ſervice of man; *I* ſay the Lord God gave man, ſo long as man continued in obedience unto him, power and authority over all the fowls of the ayr and the fiſhes of the ſea, and the beaſts of the field; And the Lord God he planted a garden in *Eden*, and he took man whom he had formed and put him into the Garden to dreſſe it and to keep it, and commanded him ſaying, *Of every tree in the Garden thou mayſt freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good & evil thou ſhalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eateſt thereof thou ſhalt ſurely die:* And the Lord God he ſaid *It is not good that the man ſhould be alone, I will make him a meet help for him, and the Lord God made of the rib which he took from man, a woman, and brought her unto man*, and ſaid; *Adam, this is now bone of my bone and fleſh of my fleſh, and ſhe ſhall be called woman, becauſe ſhe was taken out of man.*

Now the Serpent being more ſubtile then any beaſt of the field which God had made, ſaith he, *Yea hath God ſaid of every tree in the Garden you may not eat of*, The Woman ſaid unto the ſerpent, *We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the Garden, but of the tree that is in the midſt of the Garden, God hath ſaid ye ſhall not eat of it, neither ſhall ye touch it leaſt ye die.*

Now the ſerpent being more ſubtile then any beaſt of the field, although God had ſaid *in the day thou eateſt thereof thou ſhalt ſurely die*: ſaid the ſerpent unto the woman, *Ye ſhal not ſurely die, for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes ſhall be opened, and ye ſhall be as gods knowing good and evil, and when the woman ſaw that it was good for food, and pleaſant to the eyes, and a tree to be deſired to make one wiſe, ſhe took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave unto her husband with her and he did eat, and immediately their eyes were opened, and they ſaw that they were naked, and they gathered fig-leaves, and ſewed them together to make themſelves aprons*, for to make a covering to hide them from the preſence of the Lord, (mark that) all ye people who are yet in the fall, in the tranſgreſſion, driven out from the preſence of the Lord into the earth, that when man & woman had diſobeyed & tranſgreſſed the command of the Lord God, in eating of the the forbidden fruit, that was of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which God commanded, man whom he had created after his own image, ſaying, *Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou mayeſt not eat, for in the day thou eateſt thereof thou ſhalt ſurely die*: I ſay that when man and woman had diſobeyed the Command of the Lord in eating of the forbidden fruit, immediately their eyes were opened, and they ſaw that they were naked, and they ſewed figg-leaves together for to hide themſelves from the preſence of the Lord, *And they heard the voyce of the Lord God walking in the Garden in the coole of the day*, they ſeeing their nakedneſs *they hid themſelves amongſt the trees of the Garden* from the preſence of the Lord, (mark that) all ye who are in the fall, in the tranſgreſſion, and ſpending your dayes without the fear of the Lord, and your precious time which the Lord God ſpares you, for to ſee if you will return unto him, in ſports, pleaſures, rioting and wickedneſſe; turn in your minds into the *light* of the Son of God, with which you are enlightned, which checks and reproves you for ſin and evil, and makes manifeſt the evil of your doings, and the thoughts and intents of your hearts unto you, when there is no man preſent with you, or can accuſe of them, yet is the Lord God preſent with you by his *light*, which is his

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true and faithful witneſſe, which he hath placed in you which never conſented unto ſin and evil, but is a witneſſe for God againſt ſin and evil; I ſay, then is the Lord preſent to reprove you, and to condemn you for the evil of your doings; I ſay turn in your minds into the *Light* of the Son of God, with which you are inlightned, and come and let us reaſon together a little; Is there not in you after the height of your wickedneſſe is over, and you come into a little calmneſſe in the cool of the day, a ſtill low voice following of you, and crying in you, man or Woman; *Where art thou? what is this which thou haſt done?* Then by the *light* of Chriſt in thee, with which thou art enlightned, comes to ſee thou haſt diſobeyed the Command of the Lord God; And that thou haſt acted contrary unto his pure mind, and will, and unto his true and faithful witneſſe in thee, which is the *light* of the Son of God, with which thou art enlightned; So I ſay, by that thou comes to ſee that thou art naked, and then terrour and fear takes hold upon thee; and then thou ſtrives to get a covering to hide thy ſelf from the preſence of the Lord; then in that ſtate and condition, as thou art ſtriving to get ſome Fig-leaved Garment, or ſome words, as the enemy of thy ſouls peace, that old ſerpent, who was a lyar from the beginning, ſhall put into thee, or raiſe up in thee to ſpeak; but this I tell ye all from the Lord God, who are yet in the fall, and in the tranſgreſſion, driven out from the preſence of the Lord, and without God in the World, that all the coverings that you have made, or ever ſhall make, are too narrow, and they cannot hide you, neither can you be hid under them from the preſence of the Lord God; for from the Lord God you cannot hide, nor from him you cannot flie, but unto him you muſt give an account, for the deeds and works done in the body, whether they be good, or whether they be evil; And the woe of the Lord is unto all ye who are making falſe fained coverings, to hide you from the Lord, and from the eyes of men; for *woe* ſaith the Lord, *unto the rebellious Children, who take counſell and not of me, and that cover with a covering, but not with my Spirit*; And *woe unto them that*

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hide their sins, for they shall not prosper; And this I tell you again from the Lord, that your coverings are too narrow, and they cannot hide you, neither are you hid under them from the Lord, nor from the pure single Eie, which the Lord God hath opened in hundreds of his dear Babes and Lambs, who are counted by you the off-scouring of all things, and people not fit to live upon the Earth, and as sheep for the slaughter; and are reproachfully, and scornfully by you called *Quakers*.

So now all people as you tender the good of your own souls, and have any desire to know the Lord God who created ye, this is the counsel of the Lord God unto ye; *Oh! Turn in, turn in your minds into the Light of the Son of God, with which you are enlightned, and waite ye in patience in it; and hearken diligently unto the Voice of the Lord, unto the Voice of the true Prophet Christ Jesus, the Son of God, the light of the World, Who is the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, who must be heard in all things*; For said the servant of the Lord, *A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you, of your brethren like unto me, him shall ye hear in all things, whatsoever he shall say unto you, And it shall come to passe, that every soul which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from amongst the People.*

So all people who are yet in the fall, in the transgression, driven out from the presence of the Lord into the Earth, and without God in the World; I say as you tender the good, and welfare, and happinesse of your immortal souls cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils, who keeps you *ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth*; and give not way unto that spirit which hath led and acted you into sin, and into transgression, into lightnesse, and ayrinesse; but turn in your minds into the *light* of the Son of God, and keep in your minds, and wait ye in patience in it, and hearken ye diligently unto the voice the true Prophet Christ Jesus, the Light of the World, who is the true Light, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World; I say, hearken ye diligently unto the voice of the true Prophet, which is a still low voice which follows the Creature, and when

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the Creature turns either unto the right hand or unto the left, it saith *this is the way walk in it*; (Mark that) all ye who are yet in the fall and in the transgression, that is the voice of the true Prophet which cries in you for purity and holinesse, and after the heighth of your wickednesse is over, and you come into a little calmnesse, then in the cool of the day it cries *in you* Man or Woman, *where art thou?* what is this that thou hast acted and done, then you with the Light of the Son of God comes to see your nakednesse, and then you strive to make coverings to hide your selves from the presence of the Lord, and in this state and condition, as I said before, the wo of the Lord is unto you, For wo saith the Lord unto the rebellious Children who take counsel and not of me, and that cover with a covering but not with my Spirit.

And the Lord God called unto *Adam*, and said, *where art thou*, sayes *Adam* unto God again, *I heard thy voice and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid my self*; so when Man whom God created after his own Image, had disobeyed the command of the Lord who created him, in eating of the forbidden fruit, that is of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which God said in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely dye, and immediately after *Adam* and *Eve* his wife had eaten of the forbidden fruit, the Lord he opened their eyes, and then they saw their nakednesse, and they gathered fig-leaves and sewed them together to make them coverings, and they strove to hide themselves amongst the trees of the garden from the presence of the Lord; and said the Lord unto *Adam*, who shewed thee thy nakednesse? Hast thou eaten of the forbidden fruit, which I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat of; Then answered *Adam* unto the Lord, *the woman that thou gavest to be with me did give unto me and I did eat*; Then said the Lord unto the Woman, *What is this that thou hast done?* Then answered the Woman and said, *The Serpent did beguile me and I did eat*; Then said the Lord God unto the Serpent, *for this that thou hast done thou art cursed above all Cattle, and above every Beast of the field, upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shall be thy meat all the dayes of thy life*; And said the Lord God, *I*

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will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy ſeed and her ſeed, and it ſhall bruiſe thy head, that is the ſeed of the woman, *and thou ſhalt bruiſe her heel.*

And ſo now all people who are yet in the fall, and in the tranſgreſſion, in the earth driven out from the preſence of the Lord, unredeemed, and without God in the world; This I write unto you all in dear love, and in bowels of tender love, and as you prize the good of your own ſouls conſider, and lay it to heart, how you have ſpent your time without the fear of the Lord God, who created you to do his will, and to ſerve and obey him; ſo now I ſay unto you all, come to a true and a ſerious conſideration for what end and purpoſe God created you, whether to do his will, and to ſerve and obey him, or to do your own wicked corrupt wills, and to ſerve and obey your own hearts luſts, unto the witneſſe of God in all your Conſciences do I ſpeak, which I know from the Lord God will anſwer, and confeſſe, that God created you to do his will, and to ſerve and obey him; Then this is the counſel of the Lord God unto you, and my exhortation unto you all, in his pure dread and fear, and in bowels of tender love unto your ſouls, Oh dread and fear ye God, and let the time paſt be too much which you have ſpent without the fear of the Lord God, and ceaſe to do evil, and learn to do well, and go on no longer in rebellion and diſobedience unto the Lord God, leaſt you provoke his wrath againſt you, to deſtroy you; Therefore I ſay *kiſſe the Son leaſt he be angry and ye periſh in the way, for when his wrath is kindled but a little, bleſſed and happy are all they who put their truſt in him.*

Now as touching the ſtate and condition that man was in before the fall, and before he diſobeyed, ſo long as he continued in obedience unto the command of the Lord, and in that pure, innocent, holy, and harmleſſe being wherein God created him, he did enjoy the preſence of the Lord God, and had Union, and Communion, and Fellowſhip with the Lord, and then he had power and authority over the Creatures which God created for the uſe and ſervice of man, but through diſobedience and tranſgreſſion unto the holy and righteous command of the Lord God, who

who created him, he the Creature man loſt the image in which he was created, and loſt alſo his Union, and Communion, and Fellowſhip with the Lord, which he had with the *Lord* before he diſobeyed his command, ſo through diſobedience he was drove into the earth from the preſence of the Lord, and then the Lord placed *Cherubims* and a *flaming ſword* at the garden of *Eden*, which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life, ſo through mans diſobedience he loſt the image, and was driven out from the preſence of the Lord into the earth, and loſt his Power, Authority, and Dominion which he had with the Lord before he diſobeyed, he loſt that Power, and that Authority, and that Dominion which he had over the Creatures which God created for the uſe and ſervice of man; So now ſince the fall of Man, his fall being ſo great, the Creatures have had Power and Dominion over the Creature Man, and Man hath been in bondage unto the Creatures, through diſobedience unto God the Creator, (Mark that all ye unbelievers, who will not believe in Chriſt Jeſus the Light) who are yet in the fall, in the tranſgreſſion, and in the Earth driven out from the preſence of the Lord, and without God in the world, who are in bondage and in ſlavery unto the Creatures, and they have Power, and Dominion over you, ſome of you running into the abuſe of one Creature, and ſome of you running into the abuſe of another, your hearts being fixed and ſetled in the Earth, and in ſome Creature-enjoyment, your treaſure being in the Earth and Earthly things, there is your hearts alſo; So now as you are in the fall, in the tranſgreſſion driven out from the preſence of the Lord into the Earth, and you ſtanding in this ſtate and condition, the Creatures which Man had power over at the beginning, ſo long as he ſtood in the counſel of God, they Rule and have Power and Dominion over you, you being run into the abuſe of the Creatures, ſo hereby you are in ſlavery and in bondage unto them.

No way out of the Fall but by following the Light.

NOw all people who are yet in the fall, and in the transgression driven out from the presence of the Lord into the Earth, and without God in the World, as the Lord God giveth me utterance, I shall declare the way in plainnesse, and according unto the Truth, how fallen Men and Women may be restored into that pure innocent state, and being that Adam *was in before the fall.*

Oh all people, dread, dread, dread, and fear, and tremble before the living God of Heaven and Earth, at whose voice the wind and the Sea obeyeth, who by the breath of his Nostrils, and the brightnesse of his coming, he will slay the wicked; Oh return, return, return unto the Lord God, and repent while ye have time, and turn in your minds into the *light* of the Son of God, in your own Consciences, with which he hath enlightned you, who is the true Light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, who came not into the world to save man in sin, but from sin, and in him is no sin, and whosoever abideth *in him* sinneth not, neither can he sin because *his seed remaineth in him*; therefore I say unto ye all, unto the light of Christ take heed, and keep in your minds, and wait ye in patience *in it*, in that which checks and reproves you for sin and evil, and makes manifest the evil of your doings unto you, when no man sees you, or can accuse you of it, yet is the Lord God present with his Light, which is his true and faithful witnesse which he hath placed in man, which never consented unto sin or evil, but stands a witnesse for God in man against sin and evil, I say the Lord God is present with his Light to condemn you for sin and evil.

Therefore I say submit ye unto the Lord God, and unto the

the Light of his Son, which is manifeſted in you, and humble your ſelves, and lye down under the hand of his mighty power, that he may pour out his judgements, and vials of wrath, and plagues, and woes upon the head of the wicked *in you*, which rules and reigns in you as *King*, and hath led and doth ſtill lead and act you into ſin and into tranſgreſſion, that ſo the Lord God may ſhew mercy unto your ſouls, for the Lord he ſhews not mercy unto that which hath led and acted the Creature into tranſgreſſion, but it is his own ſeed in man which lieth yet *in you* oppreſſed and burthened as a Cart preſſed with ſheaves, by reaſon of ſin and wickedneſſe, which is yet remaining alive in you, and uncrucified, and unſubdued, by the power of God; Therefore this is the counſel of the Lord God unto you all, turn in, turn in your minds into the *light* of the Son of God, and wait ye in patience in it, that you may feel the power of the Lord God to crucifie and to ſubdue, and to expell and to work out all that in you which entred into man through diſobedience and tranſgreſſion, that ſo the ſeed of God, the ſeed immortal, which is yet oppreſſed in you, may be eaſed and delivered, that ſo it may grow and increaſe unto the praiſe and glory of the Lord, who is God bleſſed for evermore, Amen.

Therefore I ſay in love unto all your ſouls, ſubmit ye unto the Lord God, and lye down under the hand of his mighty *power*, that ſo he may pour out his judgements, and his vials of wrath upon that which hath led and acted you into tranſgreſſion, that ſo he may ſhew mercy unto your ſouls, for the Lord he ſhews not mercy, as I ſaid before, unto that which leads the Creature into tranſgreſſion, but he ſhews mercy unto his own ſeed *in man*, which never conſented to ſin or evil, and he that repents and forſakes his ſins, and turns unto the Lord with a purpoſe of heart, then will the Lord God ſhew mercy unto his ſoul.

And this is the counſel of the Lord God unto you, in dear and in tender love unto your ſouls, turn in, turn in your minds into the *light* of the Son of God in your own particulars, with which you are enlightned, which is the true Light that enlightneth every man that cometh into

the world; Therefore I say, unto the Light of Christ take heed and wait ye in patience in the Crosse, in that which is a Crosse unto your carnal minds and wills, which are running abroad into the Earth, and Earthly things, for in the Crosse and through the Crosse is the power of the Lord God felt and witnessed, although the preaching of the Crosse was unto the *Greeks* foolishnesse, and unto the *Jews* a stumbling block, yet this I can give in my Testimony for the Lord God, that unto us which are saved *it is the power of God unto Salvation, unto every one that believeth*; Therefore I say turn in your minds into the Light of Christ in your own particulars, which is made manifest in you, and wait ye in patience in the Crosse, that you feel and see the power of the Lord to slay the enmity and to take away the cause, and to break down the partition-wall, and to rent the vail; Now I say, who am a lover of all souls, wait in patience in the Crosse, that you may feel and see the power of the Lord God to take away and to remove the cause, to take away that and to remove that, and to work out, and to expell out all that in you which hath caused a separation betwixt God and you, that is to feel and to see the power of the Lord God to work out, and to expell sin and iniquity; for saith the Lord, *your sins have separated you from me, and your iniquities hath with-held good things from you*; so wait ye in the Crosse, that you may all seek, and see the power of the Lord God to break down the partition-wall, to break down that in you which is yet standing as a wall in you, which is the man of sin, which separates you from the Lord God, who created you; And so all wait in patience in the Light, and keep in your minds staid in it, I say wait in patience in the Light, that you may feel and see the power of the Lord God to rent the vail, and to take it off the heart, for through mans disobedience unto the Lord God who created him, there came a vail over the heart by reason of sin and transgression, which vailed the Creature from the Lord; So now I say in love unto all your souls, wait ye in patience in the *Crosse*, that you may feel and see the pure power of the Lord God, to take away, and to remove, and to expell, and to work out all that which is yet

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remaining alive in you, which entered into man through disobedience and transgression, by the reason of which man lost the image in which he was created, and lost also his Union, and Communion, and Fellowship which he had with the Lord God before he disobeyed; so through disobedience man was driven into the Earth from the presence of the Lord.

So all people who are yet in the fall in the transgression, and without God in the world, this is the counsel of the Lord God unto you all, *turn in, turn in* your minds into the light of the Son of God which is made manifest in you, and receive it in the love of it, for the *light* is in all, and the *light* is one in all, but all have not received it in the love of it, and so by the light they are condemned; Therefore I say as you tender the good of your own souls, receive the light in the love of it, and prize it above all things, and yield obedience to be led and guided by it; For this I testifie unto you from the Lord God, that as you receive the light in the love of it, and give up to be led and guided by it, it will lead you out of sin, and out of evil, unto the Father from whence it came, *who is light, and in him is no darkness at all*, for every good and perfect gift comes from above, from God the Father of *lights*, in whom is no variableness nor shaddow of turning, and it will lead you as you yield obedience to be led, and guided by it, out of all false wayes, worships, customs, and traditions that are in the world, and out of the Church that is in the world into the true Church which is *in God*, which is built up of *living*, pure, precious, and elect *stones*, of which Christ is the Head, and there to worship the Father *in Spirit and in Truth*, for such the Father seeks to worship him, and the time is already come, that the true worshippers do worship the Father *in Spirit and in Truth*; And this I testifie unto you from the Lord, and I know what I say, having experienced the thing in my own particular, that as you give up freely to be led and guided by the light of the Son of God, with which he hath enlightned you withall, that in it you will feel and see the power of the Lord God to save you out of sin, and out of evil, and in it is power, strength,

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and ſufficiency to deſtroy ſin, which is the Devils work in you, and death, and he that hath the power of death, that is the Devil; for, for this end and purpoſe was the Son of God manifeſted for to deſtroy the works of the Devil; (Mark that all ye unbelievers who will not believe in Chriſt Jeſus the light, nor to have him to rule over you, who live in ſin and in wickedneſſe, and pleading for it term of life, and ſaying you cannot be free from ſin on this ſide the grave; here you do make your ſelves manifeſt to be of that number in whom Antichriſt, that is the man of ſin, hath his ſeat in you, there he ſits as if he were God, and he rules and reigns in you as King, and his Servants you are, and his works you do, and his Kingdom you ſtrive to uphold, and plead for it term of life, that is ſin and wickedneſſe; for ſo long as ſin and wickedneſſe rules and reigns in you, ſo long is Antichriſts Kingdom ſtanding in you, and ſo you crying up and pleading for ſin term of life, and ſaying that the Creature cannot be free from ſin while he is here on this ſide the grave, here you make void and of none effect the coming of Chriſt Jeſus the Son of God; for as it is recorded in the Scriptures of Truth, and alſo ſeen in the record of eternal life, that for this purpoſe the Son of God was manifeſted for to deſtroy the works of the Devil; Now if the Creature muſt live in ſin and wickedneſſe all the dayes of his life, as you conclude and ſay he muſt, then is the Devils work not deſtroyed in him, which is ſin and evil, and ſo as I ſaid before you make void and of none effect the coming of Chriſt, which was to deſtroy the works of the Devil.

No place for Repentance after Death.

Here is a Querie unto all the hireling Prieſts of the Nation, who preach up this doctrine, that people muſt live in ſin all the dayes of their life, and cannot be cleanſed while they are on this ſide the grave, and yet when they die they ſhall be ſaved and enter into Gods Kingdom.

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WHere or when, or which is the place that men and women muſt be cleanſed from ſin, if not in this life, of this ſide the grave, ſeeing that no unclean thing ſhall enter into the Kingdom of God; and as the Tree falls ſo it lies; and as Death leaves, Judgement finds; and ſaid Chriſt Jeſus the Light, except you believe that *I am he*, ye ſhall die in your ſins; and ſaid he, I go my way, ye ſhall ſeek me, and ſhall not find me, and whether I go, there ye cannot come. Now I do believe that moſt people will confeſſe, that Chriſt aſcended up into Heaven, and he ſaith as it is recorded in the Scriptures, except ye believe that *I am he*, ye ſhall die in your ſins, and whether I go, there you cannot come.

This is one of the damnable Doctrines, that the hireling Prieſts of this Nation teacheth, and it is no leſſe then the Doctrine of Devils; for they conclude that the Devil is of more power and ſtrength to keep men and women in ſin, then the Lord God is to redeem them out of ſin; But this I teſtifie from the Lord God againſt the hireling Prieſts of the Nation, and againſt all oppoſers and gainſayers whatſoever, that Chriſt Jeſus the *light* of the World, who is the true light, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, who is the *Power of God*, and the Wiſdom of God, whoſe Name is called *the Word of God*; I ſay and teſtifie from the Lord, that he is of more power, ſtrength, and ſufficiency, to redeem fallen man and woman out of ſin, and out of evil, if they yield obedience to be led and guided by him, then the Devil, who is the prince of the power of the Aire, who rules in the hearts of the Children of diſobedience, hath to keep them in ſin and evil; Therefore I ſay, *turn in your mindes*, into the *light* of the Son of God, with which you are inlightned, which light is perfect; and as you receive the light in the love of it, which is perfect, and become one with it, you will come to feel the Power of the Lord God, to work out imperfection, which is of the Devil; So now I ſay, when the Creature comes to witneſſe the Devils work deſtroyed in him, which is ſin and evil, which cauſed a ſeparation betwixt God and the Creature; I ſay when he comes to witneſſe

witneſſe that deſtroyed in him, which muſt he deſtroyed by the *Power of the Lord God*, Chriſt Jeſus the light, who is the Power of God, and the Wiſdom of God, then he will come to have acceſſe unto God again: for it is the light which reconciles and unites unto God, and ſo by the light the Creature comes to have acceſſe unto God again; and as he keeps in the light continually, having his mind ſtaid therein, he will come to have union and communion, and fellowſhip with the Lord, as *Adam* had before he diſobeyed, and he will come to feel the living preſence of the Lord God to nouriſh his ſoul, and to refreſh his ſoul, and to ſtrengthen his ſoul, which hath been Lean, Dry, and Barren, and Weak, and Feeble for want of Bread, and ſo as he hath through diſobedience unto the Lord, born the image of the Earthly, I ſay, by yeilding obedience unto the *light* of Chriſt made manifeſt in him, waiting there to feel the power of the Lord God, to put off the old man with his deeds, that is the old degenerated Nature, he will come to bear the image of the Heavenly; and as he gives up freely unto the Lord, to be led and guided by him, he will come to have power and dominion over the Creatures, which God created for the uſe and ſervice of man, as man had the power over them at the beginning; for as by the diſobedience of *one*, many were made ſinners; ſo by the obedience of *one*, many ſhall be made righteous; and as in *Adam* all die, ſo in Chriſt all are made alive.

So all people who are yet in the Fall, in the Tranſgreſſion without God in the World, and are yet dead in ſins and treſpaſſes, this is the Counſel of the Lord God unto you, Turn in, turn in your minds, which are yet abroad in the Earth, into the light of the Son of God, as you prize the good of your own ſouls, and wait ye in patience in it, that you may feel the power of the Lord God to raiſe you up from Death to Life, and to quicken you, and to make you alive, that ſo you may live for evermore, unto the Praiſe and Glory of his moſt Holy Name; And this is the deſire of my ſoul, that you may all come to have Union, and Fellowſhip with the Lord God, as man had

had before he disobeyed; And that you may enjoy his pure living refreshing presence, to nourish your souls, and to refresh your souls, and may come to eat of the food Immortal, of the bread Immortal, to nourish your souls, and to refresh your souls, and to strengthen your souls, which are Immortal; For there is nothing that can satisfie the soul which is immortal, but the bread immortal; For saith Christ Jesus the righteous, who is the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the World, your Fathers eat *Manna* in the Wilderness, and they are dead, but I will give you to eat of the hidden *Manna* of the heart, and he that eateth thereof shall never die, for saith he, He that eateth of the Bread that I shall give him, he shall never hunger, and he that drinketh of the Water that I shall give him, he shall never thirst, for it shall be in him a Well of living Water springng up unto everlasting life; And saith Christ Jesus the *Light*, I am the living Bread which cometh down form above; and I tell ye from the Lord, except ye eat the Flesh, and drink the Blood of the Son of Man, ye have no life in you, for his body is Meat indeed, and his blood is Drink indeed; so he that can receive it let him receive it, for they are the words of Truth unto you, and shall stand for ever.

So all people, this is my counsel and advice unto you once more, in the dread and fear of the Lord God, and it is in dear and tender love unto all your souls; Oh! turn in, turn in your minds, into the light of the Son of God which is made manifest in you, which light gives life unto the soul; for he that hath the Son hath life, but he that hath not the Son, not life. And so I have in plainness, and according to truth, and not contrary, but according also unto the Scriptures of truth, which are as a cloud of witnesses for me and for the truth which I have written, declared the way how fallen men and women may be restored into that pure, innocent state and being which *Adam* was in before the fall, and the cause of his fall, was through disobedience unto the Lord God. So the God of

Heaven raiſe up his own witneſſe in you, and open your underſtandings, & open that *Eie* in you which the God of this World hath blinded, that ſo you may ſee the things which belongs unto your ſouls peace, which is the deſire of my ſoul, the Lord God knoweth my heart, and that you may partake of that living vertue which nouriſheth our ſouls, and to have fellowſhip with us; for truly our fellowſhip is with the Father, and with his Son Chriſt Jeſus the light, who is the Author and Finiſher of our Faith, and he is the Anchor and Biſhop of our ſouls, who is God bleſſed for evermore, Amen.

A Warning from the Lord God of life and power, in bowels of dear and tender love unto all the Rulers, Prieſts, and People, that they haſten to Repentance, who are ſpending their time without the fear of the Lord, and nouriſhing their hearts, as in a day of ſlaughter.

REpent, repent, repent, and return unto the Lord God of Heaven and Earth, whoſe voice is terrible unto the Nations, and all Nations are in his ſight but as the drop of a bucket, and as the ſmall duſt of the Earth; Oh dread and fear ye the living God, who rules in the Kingdomes of men, who hath the hearts of all men in his hand, and he can turn them whenſoever he pleaſeth; Oh all ye tall Cedars, and ſtout Oakes, thus ſaith the Lord God, that except ye ſpeedily repent and return unto the Lord, the Lord God will top you, and he will lay you low, and the Lord God will make you bend and bow before him, and he will ſtain the pride and the glory of all fleſh, and will make all to know that all fleſh is as graſſe, and the glory of man as the flower of the field, for the graſſe withereth, and the flower fadeth away, but the word of the Lord endureth for ever; By which word except you ſpeedily repent and return unto the Lord, the Lord God will cut you off, and then woe and miſery will be your portion for ever; Therefore I ſay unto

to you all, who am a lover of all Souls, as you tender the good, wel-fare and happineſſe of your immortal ſouls, Return, return unto the *Lord*, and unto his *light* in your conſciences which checks and reproves you for ſin and evil, and makes manifeſt the evil of your doings unto you, when there is no outward eye ſees you or can accuſe you of them, yet the al-ſeeing eye of the Lord God ſees you and beholds you, and he is preſent with his light, which is his true and faithfull witneſſe in you, to condemn you for the evil of your doings, which light in you never conſented to ſin or evil, but ſtands a witneſſe for God in you againſt ſin and evill; Therefore I ſay unto the light of Chriſt take heed, as you prize the good of your own ſouls, and put not the day of the Lord afar off any longer, for to day ſaith the *Lord*, if you will hear my voyce harden not your hearts; Oh ye Stif-necked, and Rebellious, and Uncircumciſed, in hearts and ears, ye do alwayes reſiſt the holy Ghoſt, as your fathers did ſo do ye; Oh prize the light, prize the day of the *Lords* Viſitation of you, for now he is viſiting of you with his pure everlaſting love, and he waits to be gracious unto you, and for your return; Oh return return ye unto the Lord God and hearken to his reproof, and go on no longer in rebellion, nor ſtif-neckedneſſe againſt the Lord, for if you do you will provoke the *Lord* againſt you to deſtroy you, which is not the deſire of the Lord, if you will return unto him, for ſaith the *Lord*, *I deſire not the death of one ſinner, but rather that all ſhould turn and live*; for ſaith he, Oh houſe of *Iſrael*, why wilt thou dye, why wilt thou dye? turn unto me and thy Soul ſhall live; Oh people why will ye dye, why will ye dye; Oh return, return unto the *Lord*; and your ſouls ſhall live, for he hath long waited, and is yet waiting for your return, for ſaid the *Lord*, Oh *Jeruſalem Jeruſalem*, how oft would I have gathered thee as a hen gathereth her chickings under her wings, but ye would not; And all the day long ſaith the *Lord* have I ſtretched out mine hand unto a diſobedient and a gain-ſaying people, who would have none of my Councel, neither regarded they my reproof,

but chooſe the things wherein I delighted not; Therefore people as you tender the good of your own Soule, return unto the Lord God while he waits for your return, and while his hand is ſtretcht forth unto you; For this I teſtifie unto you from the Lord God, that the day of your viſitation is near paſſed over your heads, and the time is very near approaching that the ſpirit of the Lord God will leave ſtriving with you, for my ſpirit ſaith the Lord ſhall not alwaies ſtrive with man; Then woe and miſery will be your portion for ever, and a day of blackneſs, a day of darkneſſe, and a day of gloomineſſe, you ſhall aſſuredly come to witneſſe where you ſhall weep and howl for ſorrow and vexation of ſpirit, and then there ſhall be none to pitty you, and this ſhall aſſuredly come upon you, except you ſpeedily repent and return unto the Lord, for what I ſpeak, I ſpeak infallibly, and it ſhall ſtand for ever.

Therefore all ye Rulers, Prieſts and people, I warn you from the Lord God of life and power that you haſten to repentance and amendment of life, knowing aſſuredly from the Lord, that there is a woeful day approaching and is near at hand upon all the heads of the wicked and the ungodly, and the Lord will make many open examples unto others except they ſpeedily repent and return unto him, for the month of the Lord hath ſpoken it; Therefore I ſay as you price the good of your own ſouls, provoke the Lord no longer againſt you, but while ye have time prize it, for the time preſent is all peoples time to make their peace with the Lord, for the time paſt cannot be recalled again, and the time to come is in the hands of the Lord, and he can ſtop the breath in your noſtrils, and take it out of your bodies, and then time will be no more to you; Oh! prize the light, prize the day of the Lords viſitation of you, for as I ſaid before, ſo I ſay again, from the Lord, that the day of your viſitation is near paſſed over your heads, and when it is paſſed over your heads, then you may ſeek the Lord, and ſhall not find him, and call upon him, and he will not hear you. (Why?) becauſe ſaith the Lord, when I called ye would not anſwer, and when I

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ſpoke ye would not hear, then will the Lord mock at your calamity, and laugh when your fear cometh; Therefore I ſay, ſeek ye the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near you for he is a God athand, and not a God a far off, and he is near unto all that call upon him in truth and in righteouſneſſe.

Oh! Earth, Earth, Earth; Oh! People, People, People, dread andfear the living God, and tremble and bow before him, whoſe day is at hand, that will burn as an Oven, Yea, and all the proud, and all that do wickedneſſe ſhall be as ſtubble; and except you ſpeedily repent and return unto him, he will burn you up, and he will leave you neither root nor branch, and then the Rocks and the Mountains, nor all your outward ſtrength ſhall not be able to ſave you from the wrath of the Lamb, nor from the indignation of the Juſt One, who is riſen, and ariſing as a Mighty man of War to take the Kingdom, and the greatneſſe of the Kingdoms; Yea, he is riſen and ariſing to plead with all fleſh by Fire and by Sword, and the ſlain of the *Lord* ſhall be many, for the Sword of the Lord is drawn and furbiſhed, and he is preparing of it for the ſlaughter, and except you ſpeedily return unto the *Lord*, he will kindle a fire in your bowels which ſhall never be quenched, until it hath conſumed you; Therefore all ye tall Cedars, Sturdy and ſtout ones, if you go on in rebellion, and ſtif-neckedneſſe againſt the Lord, and continue your perſecuting, and impriſoning of the ſervants of the moſt high God, which are by you reproachfully called *Quakers*; thus ſaith the Lord God, I will daſh you to pieces as a potters Veſſel, and will make you bend and bow before me ſaith the Lord, and will exalt the horn of mine Anointed.

Therefore all ye Rulers, Prieſts and People, whoſe truſt is in the Arm of fleſh, and whoſe ſtrength con-

consisteth in the Host of men, and in Horses, and Chariots, and in Tumults, Noises, and Voices, and although you have made a Covenant with Death, and an agreement with Hell, yet your Covenant with Death and agreement with Hell, shall be broken by the Power of the Lord God, and although at the present you have power to cast the servants of the most High God, some into one Prison, and some into another, and some into Dungeons and Holes, and under many locks and boults, and make havock and spoil of their goods, yet thus saith the Lord God, that he will not leave us, nor forsake us, for our enemies to destroy us; but he will with his own out-stretched Arm bring deliverance for us, as we wait in patience on him; which deliverance shall be beyond the expectation of man, whose breath is in his Nostrils; And it shall be an astonishment unto all the Heathen round about, and the Lord God will give us the necks of our Enemies to tread upon, and they shall be as ashes under the soles of our feet; And this I can truly and boldly say, through the love of God towards me, whose love I hope will never be forgotten by me, although at the present *I* am in outward bonds, yet nevertheless in the pure Eternal truth of God I do reign and triump, and do Trample upon all the heads and necks of the wicked, and this I do declare in boldness from the Lord God, who hath said and doth still say unto me, fear not what man can do unto thee, for *I* will never leave thee nor forsake thee; That the Lord God will make you all bend and bow unto his pure everlasting truth, which he hath by his own power gathered us into, who are scornfully and reproachfully by you called *Quakers.* (Mark) *I* do not say that you shall bend and bow unto us as Creatures, but unto his pure everlasting Truth, and unto his pure Divine power by which we are upheld, and by which we reign over all

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the heads of the wicked.

Yea verily, the Lord God will make you bow unto his Son Christ Jesus the light of the World, who is the true light, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, who is the Way, the Truth, and the *Life*, who is risen to rule the Nations with a Rod of *Iron*, and he will make all be nd and bow before him; for there is no other Name by which any man can be saved, but by the Name of Jesus, at which every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confesse unto him, and although *Gog* and *Magog*, Beast and false Prophet, and all the powers of darknesse joyn hand in hand, and gather to gather, and make a head against the Lamb and his Followers, yet the *Lamb* shall gain the Victory; For there is no Weapon formed against you shall prosper, saith the Lord. And know this assuredly, that the work which the *Lord* God hath begun in the Earth, he will accomplish it, and you can no more stop or hinder the work of the Lord which he hath begun, then you can stop or hinder the Sun from rising, or the Wind from blowing, or the Rain from descending, no more can you stop or hinder the Work of the *Lord*; Therefore in vain, do you strive against the Lord and his Anointed, for if I do work saith the Lord, who can hinder? Therefore all ye fruitlesse Trees, which cumbers the ground, ye are good for nought but for the fire, who have long made a profession of a God, and a Christ in words, but in life and in power you do deny him; For now is the *Lord* come to seek for Fruit, and behold what is to be found amongst you but corruption and wickednesse, for the best of you is as a Bryar, and the uprightest of you sharper then a Thorn hedge, so you are found to be fruitlesse *Trees* which cumbers the Ground, ye are good for nothing but for the fire, and now is the Ax laid to the Root of the Tree, and

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every Tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, ſhall be hewed down and caſt into the fire; Therefore ceaſe profeſſing of a God and a Chriſt in words, and make no more profeſſion of a God and a Chriſt in words then you can witneſſe of them in life and in power; for profeſſion without poſſeſſion, is no more before the Lord, then the Chaffe is before the Wind, neither is it any more in the ſight of the Lord, then the cutting off a Dogs neck, or offering Swines blood.

Therefore all ye Rulers, Prieſts and People, who profeſſe and call your ſelves Chriſtians, truly it would rejoyce my ſoul if I could ſee the fruits of Chriſtianity brought forth by you; Now conſider and lay it to heart, and let the witneſs of God in you all anſwer, unto which I ſpeak, and unto which I am commended, and unto which I do appeal, is not Swearing, Drunkenneſs, Lying, Covetouſneſs, Cozening, and Cheating, Defrauding, and double-dealing alive and remaining in you, and is not Malice, Strife, Wrath, Envy, Hatred, and Perſecution alive and remaining in you, unto the Witneſs of God in all your Conſciences do I ſpeak, which I know from the Lord God will anſwer for me, and againſt your ſelves, and that you are guilty of theſe evils which are here mentioned; then ſay I that the old man with his deeds is yet alive in you un-put off, that is, the old degenerated nature, and ſo you do make your ſelves manifeſt to be of them which ſay they are Jewes and are not, but are of the Synagogue of Sathan, for he that is in Chriſt is a new Creature; (Mark that) I ſay he that is in Chriſt is a new Creature, old things are done away, and all things become new, ſo the old man with his deeds being yet alive in you, you have got the name (Chriſtian) but not the nature, ſo as the Body without the Spirit is dead, ſo the Name without the Nature is dead alſo; for

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to say Christians, is as much as to say Christ-like, but you are seen in the Eternal light of God not to bear his Image, but the Image of another, the Image of the Earthly, the Image of Antichrist, that is the man of sin, and his works you do, and his Servants you are, and his Kingdom you strive to uphold; So now there hath been for many years a great talk of Reformation, the Nation of *England* to be a Reformed Nation, and the People of *England* to be a Reformed People; Why now consider, and turn in your minds into the light of the Son of God which is made manifest in you, and commune with your own hearts, and be still, and enter into your Closets, and let the door be shut, enter into your own hearts, and take heed unto the light of the Son of God in you, and come and let us reason together a little there; what is that you are reformed from, or what is that you are reformed unto, doth not sin and iniquity run down as a flood in *Englands* streets, and ungodlinesse as a stream, and peoples mouths filled with bitterness and cursing, and are not they that depart iniquity made a prey to those who live in iniquity, and they whom the Lord God hath redeemed out of the World, and stand in his dread and fear, they are the Song of the Drunkard, and a by-word unto a wicked and perverse generation of scorners, who say, who is the Lord that we should fear him, and to the Almighty depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy waies, and say you we will not have this man to reign over us; that is, you will not have Christ Jesus the light to rule over you, you will not have the light of Christ in you to reign; for say you, if we should own the light of Christ in us, and that to rule in us, then we must lay down our Crowns, saies you tall Cedars and great Ones of the Earth, and our Honour and Glory we must loose, and saies all you Priests and People,

if we ſhould receive the light and that rule in us, then we muſt deny all our gain of ungodlineſs, and all our Pleaſures, Sports, and Paſtimes we muſt deny; But thus ſaith the Lord, that except you ſpeedily repent and return unto me ſaith the Lord, I will ariſe and wound the hairy ſcalp of the wicked, and your eares ſhall tingle, and fear and terrour ſhall take hold and ſurprize the Hypocrite, and your hearts ſhall wax faint, and your ſtrength ſhall be taken away, and ye ſhall have your portion in the lake which burns for ever, and there ye ſhall be tormented from the preſence of the Lord.

Oh poor hearts my ſoul pities you, the Lord God knoweth my heart, and oft times is my heart taken up with a great lamentation, and a great pity runs forth from me towards you, when I conſider what a ſad ſtate and condition you are in, as to your Eternal being, and alſo what a ſad and a woful day is coming upon you, for many of you ſhall be made open examples unto others, except you ſpeedily repent and return unto the Lord; Therefore as you tender the good of your own ſouls, turn at the reproof of the Lord, and ceaſe from your outward Teachers, who keeps you ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth, who ſpeaks a divination of their own brain, and not from the mouth of the Lord, for they run and I never ſent them, therefore they ſhall not profit the people at all ſaith the Lord, but if they had ſtood in my counſel, then they ſhould have turned people from the evil of their waies; therefore I ſay turn in your minds into the light of the

Son of God, and hearken diligently unto the voice of the true Prophet Chriſt Jeſus the Light of the World, who is the true Light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, and he that will not hear this Prophet ſhall be deſtroyed from amongſt the people; Therefore I ſay as you tender the good of your own ſouls, ceaſe from your outward Teachers, from your greedy hirelings, from your deceitful Merchants, who ſteal the true Prophets words, Chriſts words, and the Apoſtles words, and makes a Trade of them, and ſells them to poor ignorant people for money; Oh People, uphold their gain of Unrighteouſneſſe no longer, for you have ſold your ſelves for nought, and ye ſhall be redeemed without money, for they make Merchandize of ſouls for diſhoneſt gain, who are in the way of *Cain*, and run greedily after the errour of *Balaam*, who loved the wages of Unrighteouſneſſe, and they ſtand in the gain-ſaying of *Corah*, and receive the wages of Unrighteouſneſſe, who teach the things they ought not for filthy lucres ſake, whoſe mouths muſt be ſtopped, who ſubvert whole houſes, whoſe God is their belly, whoſe glory is their ſhame, whoſe end is deſtruction, who mind earthly things, but ſuch ſerve not our Lord Jeſus Chriſt but their own bellies, their throat is an open Sepulchre, and with their Tongues they utter deceit, the poyſon of Aſps is under their lips, and their feet are ſwift to ſhed bloud, and they run on in their own way, but the way of peace they know not;

Therefore all People, consider and lay to heart what they have profited you, and let the witnesse of God in you all answer, and spend your money no longer for that which is not bread, nor your labour for that which satisfies not; Now this is the call of the Lord God unto you all, come forth from amongst them, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you saith the Lord; Therefore I say come forth of *Babylon*, and be not partakers with her in her sins, least ye also partake with her in her Plagues; And this is also the call of the Lord unto you all, Ho, every one that thirsteth come buy and eat, yea, come buy wine and milk freely, without money and without price, come to the water of life freely, for there is a Fountain set open for *Judah* and for *Jerusalem*, for sin and for uncleanneſſe; Therefore I say People, spend your money no longer for that which is not bread, nor your labour for that which satisfies not, for you have sold your selves for nought, and ye shall be Redeemed without Money; Therefore all People, as you tender the good of your own soules, drink of the Whores Cup no longer, which *Babylons* Merchants holds forth unto you, as a golden Cup, but within is full of deadly poyson; but turn in your minds into the light of Christ in your own consciences, and this I testifie unto you from the Lord, as you yield obedience to be led and Guided by it, it will lead you out of sin and out of evil, and out of all false waies, Worships, Customs, and Traditions,

Traditions that are in the World, and out of the falſe Church that is in the World, into the true Church that is in God, which is built up of Living, Pure, Pretious, Elect ſtones, of which Church Chriſt is the Head; and it will lead you unto the Father from whence it came, there to worſhip the Father in ſpirit and in truth, for ſuch the Father ſeeks to worſhip him, and the time is already come, that the true Worſhippers do worſhip the Father in ſpirit and in truth.

But the Beaſt and falſe Prophet, ſhall be taken alive and caſt into the Lake of Fire and Brimſtone, which burns for ever, where they ſhall be tormented in flames from the preſence of the Lord God, who will reward every one according unto their deeds, and works done in the Body, whether they be good, or whether they be evil.

Of the Lord God of life and power was *I* moved to write unto you, and it is in Bowels of dear and tender love unto all your ſoules, and whether you will hear or forbear, *I* ſhall be clear of your bloods, and ſhall be a good ſavour unto them that are ſaved, and unto them that periſh; *I* remain a lover of your immortal ſoules; but as the Lord requireth of me, in obedience unto him, *I* muſt bear my Teſtimony againſt all ſin and wickedneſſe, in whomſoever I ſee it, whether in Rulers, Prieſts, or People.

As I was waiting on the Lord, and my mind being exerciſed in the light of the Son of God,

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in the *Dungeon* at *Warwick*, on the 9th. and 10th. Day of the Month called *May*, 1661. Moſt of this that is herein written, did the Lord God put it freſh into my heart, and it did remain in me till the 20th. day of the ſame Month, and then the Lord added more unto it, and in obedience unto him, I gave it forth.

From a Priſoner and a Servant of the Lord, and a lover of all ſouls, who ſuffered 16. weekes in outward Bonds, in the Dungeon *at* Warwick, *(which is 20. Staires down) becauſe in obedience unto the Lord, and unto his Law which he hath written in my heart, I could not promiſe to forſake the aſſembling of my ſelf with Gods choſen and elect ones, called* Quakers, *who is reproachfully, and ſcornfully called* Quaker, *but am known to the World by name.*

Tho. Kent.

THE END.